

HOUSE RESOLUTION 273
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chris Bellamy on achieving Eagle Rank with Boy Scout Troop 332.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, one such member of this fine organization, Chris "Buddy" Bellamy, deserves credit and commendation for his achievements as a Boy Scout; Buddy Bellamy is the only charter member of Cub Scout Troop 332 to achieve the Eagle Rank; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Buddy Bellamy, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on October 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bellamy's membership in the Boy Scouts of America dates back to 1994, when he was a charter member of the BSA Pack 332 at Covenant United Methodist Church; now a sophomore at Houston High School in Germantown, Buddy has served with the same troop throughout his distinguished BSA career; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scouts of America includes 24 Merit Badges and attendance at several Boy Scout Camps and High Adventure Trips; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bellamy has contributed to and led many worthwhile community service projects for his troop; some examples of his generous contributions include serving as a camp counselor for BSA Summer Camp, using his carpentry skills for the benefit of various churches and nonprofit organizations, and assisting the homeless by serving them breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bellamy's Eagle Scout Project, building puppet theaters for the Shelby County Library Reading Program, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Buddy Bellamy as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby applaud and honor Chris "Buddy" Bellamy on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.